COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1119

Saturday, *the* *12th February 1944* / *30th Makaram 1119*

The Council met in the Council hall, Ernakulam, at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.), in the Chair.

Messrs. A. B. Salem, L. M. Pylee, V. J. Mathai, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, Ephraim Ouseph, S. S. Koder, H. J. Walmsley and P. P. Devassy were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ROAD FROM MURUNGUR TO MELUR

165. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the deplorable condition of the road from Murungur to Melur;

(*b*) is it not a fact that several persons (including Hon'ble Minister) found it extremely difficult to pass through this road, on the occasion of the sad demise of the late Fourth Thampuran of Cochin, who was residing at Melur?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The condition of the road is not deplorable. The road was in a state of dis-repair.

(*b*) Some difficulty was experienced. But the occasion was on 11th Chingam 1119 and the difficulties were mostly due to the damages caused by the rains. The road is being improved.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is the Hon'ble Minister satisfied that the Road is all right now?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Personally I am not satisfied. But the difficulty is the Panchayat Department has got only very few rupees for maintenance. I am seriously thinking of transferring the whole road which is about 5 miles and three furlongs, which is beyond the scope of the Panchayat Department to the P. W. D. The question is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what exactly is the position of the government. It is said that personally the Hon'ble Minister is not satisfied. What is the position of the government. Is the government satisfied that the condition of the road is satisfactory?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* 'I' means government. Excuse me for saying "personally" because I was on that side.

PROSECUTION OF OFFICERS DRAWING RUPEES 40 AND ABOVE—PARTICULARS OF

166. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):*

(*a*) what is the number of prosecutions against officers drawing Rs. 40 and above per month;

(*b*) what has become of these prosecutions?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) It is not possible to give the particulars since the period is not specified.

GRIEVANCES OF VERUMPATTAM TENANTS

167. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether Government has noted the copy of the memorial presented to H. H. the Maharaja published under the caption "വെറുമ്പാട്ടക്കാരുടെ സങ്കടങ്ങൾ" on page 4 "Sahodaran" dated 18th December 1943?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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